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Elba BOE honors retired board member

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Schools Board of Education meeting held Tuesday night, June 25, superintendent Chris Moseley took a few moments to thank now-retired board member Doris

Matthews for her many years of service to the school system.

Matthews served as a faithful board member for 10 years, and Moseley said the Elba City School System is grateful to her for all that she did in helping the

Elba schools move forward during those years. He said her dedicated service would always be appreciated.

Board members had one personnel matter to consider during the meeting. They accepted a retirement letter from Valerie Moore. She has served as an administrative assistant for Elba Elementary School for many years.

After a quick review of the school system's financials, chief financial officer Valerie McKelvy noted the May bank statements were balanced to the general ledger as of May 31st.

During his report to board members, Superintendent Moseley gave a brief update report on the EES playground status. He said as things start moving with this project now, progress should be more noticeable at the site.

Moseley also discussed upcoming events such as a new teacher orientation, a 7 on 7 tournament for the football program [held last week], and the Career Tech program trip to California where three Elba students will be representing Alabama this week at the National competition for FCCLA.



LEMONADE ON A HOT SUMMER DAY! Beverly Daniels-Hamilton, director of the Elba Parks and Recreation's Camp E.X.C.E.L. program, enjoys a glass of lemonade last week during the exhibition event for Camp E.X.C.E.L. and Elba Elementary's STEM summer programs held at Tiger Town Park. STEM program students gave out lemonade while Camp E.X.C.E.L. made smoothies. Also at the event was Coffee County 4-H with archery and the Elba Public Library with free books. See more on Page 7 of today's paper.

With additional scholarship dollars still anticipated

Elba's Class of 2019 nears \$800,000 in scholarships

by Linda Hodge, Editor

For the second year in a row, Elba City Schools Superintendent Chris Moseley garners a big smile when discussing the academic achievements for a graduating class. This time, it is for the just graduated Class of 2019.

A figure nearing the \$800,000 mark in scholarship monies helps that smile tremendously, especially when one is talking about a class of just under 50 graduates.

"As we are seeing increases in our test scores and scholarship monies here at Elba, the credit goes to the teachers and students for their willingness to work this hard to make it happen," Moseley said.

At the end of the 2018 school year, the Class of 2018 had secured \$574,992 in scholarship monies. By the end of summer, Moseley said that figure increased to \$717,992.

Currently, the recently graduated Class of 2019 already sits at \$765,000 in scholarship monies awarded, and Moseley said he expects that number to increase before the end of

this summer.

The superintendent said he is super proud of the positive numbers being generated for Elba High School.

Moseley said the school system's relationship with dual enrollment programs with career and technical courses and college courses seems to be another driving force behind Elba's students going out and getting

things done.

"I am always very proud of our students and love to see our numbers go up," Moseley said. "I assure you we will do everything we can to continually see increases in all areas for the Elba City School System. Good things are happening with our school system thanks to the dedication of everyone involved, and we are super proud to see this continue to happen!"



Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley is shown with now-retired board member Doris Matthews. Ms. Matthews was honored during last Tuesday evening's school board meeting for the dedicated service she provided the school system for 10 years as a board member. Moseley thanked her for that service and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Elba Schools administrators utilize summer 'break' to prepare for new year

by Jack West, Intern

While kids may spend the summer celebrating their three-month long respite from the cinderblock walls of school, administrators, teachers and janitors use those months to ensure that next year is better than the last.

Chris Moseley, superintendent of Elba City Schools, said the summer months are usually the busiest for most of the staff. During this time, classrooms are emptied so that floors can be waxed, schedules are changed to reduce class sizes and upgrades are installed to ensure the students are safe.

"We want the buildings to look the best they can when the kids come back in," Moseley said.

According to the superintendent, a lot of work this summer is going into making sure the buildings are safe as well as looking good.

"There's been a little bit of extra state funding that has come down this year," he said. "So, we are really

looking at upgrading safety systems, cameras, things like that."

Importantly, all of the upgrades being made are intended to be long-term solutions. This may be as simple as replacing 25-year-old carpet with tile floors, or as complex as buying the newest cameras.

"We're trying to get things that will last," Moseley said. "We're trying to get the most modern cameras, so somebody isn't having to come in here in ten years and replace it all again. We want something that will be around for a while."

Jason Tucker, assistant principal of Elba High School, said the summer work really begins with an analysis of the previous year.

"Usually we start by evaluating last year—like how last year went," he said. "We look at things we thought we did really well on, things that need improvement, feedback from teachers and feedback from students."

The work to implement those changes is then broken down by month with most of the physical work being done in June and most of the clerical work being done in July.

"Everything is geared off of what we think will benefit students next year," Tucker said.

One of the biggest issues



The hallways at Elba High School were full of desks last week, which is a sign of no students for summer; however, that does not mean things are quiet at the school. Administrators and other school staff use the summer to put plans in action at the schools to help ensure a great start to the new school year in August.

the administrators are trying to address this summer is class overcrowding.

"Class size in our core classes was always a big concern," Tucker said. "Some teachers have upwards of 30, which is not unheard of in the state, but it's large." To combat this, the high school will implement a five-block schedule with a flex block at the end of the day next year.

"With the new schedule we're able to divide a little more, and class sizes will be around 17," Tucker said.

"I'm most excited about our new schedule for this year," said Wynn Grimes, principal of Elba High School. "It is going to limit the size of our classes, and we're real excited about that."

Further additions are also being made in the high school's career prep program. This will include an Emergency Management Systems certification which will be available to students before graduation.

"For current education, it's about customizing it for the kid," Tucker said. "The more you customize and help kids find their niche early on in high school, the better they are off outside of high school."

At the elementary school, much of the summer is dedicated to teacher training.

"We have several new additions to the staff, and we're looking forward to being totally student-centered."

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News Brief:

A traffic stop by the Elba Police Department on Sunday night, June 30, resulted in the arrest of an Elba man on drug charges.



Shortly after 9 p.m. Sunday night, Elba Police stopped a vehicle on East Davis Street in Elba, and Randall Fowler, age 38, of Elba was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana—2nd degree.

Fowler was taken to the Coffee County Jail following his arrest, and according to jail records, he was released on bond Monday, July 1st.

Area Happenings

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION will be held Monday, July 15, at 6:30 p.m., in the community room at the extension office complex in New Brockton, Ala. Only one registration per membership for door prizes, and all members are encouraged to attend.

Notice:

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Thursday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

The City of Elba offices will be closed Thursday, July 4, and Friday, July 5, in observance of the holiday. The garbage truck will run on July 4th but not on July 5th. To report any utility emergencies during the holiday, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"The business of America is not business. Neither is it war. The business of America is justice and securing the blessings of liberty." — George F. Will

Elba canceled the advertisement for Code Enforcement Officer applicants after only one week due to an abundance of well-qualified applicants. This means that either this is a great opportunity to work with the City of Elba OR Elba Clipper advertising is great and very, very effective. Acknowledging we are bit biased; our thoughts are that it is the great (and positive) impact from Elba Clipper advertising!!

Important information you probably didn't know. It seems there is a Waffle House on every corner of the world . . . well in the southern United States anyway. Actually, the fast food restaurants are located in 2100 places, mostly in the South and all in the United States. They are gradually moving to the North and West, but New York is still out in the cold, as is California. As most of us already know, they are open around the clock 365 days a year. Alabama has 154 locations but is in fifth place behind 381 in Georgia, 182 in North Carolina, 173 in Florida and 169 in South Carolina. Well known IHOP has 'only' 1822 of their pancake restaurants, but some of them are in foreign countries. IHOP is not open 24 hours a day, just from 7 a.m. until late night, and they are all closed by midnight. Now you are much better informed on an important aspect of American culture. . . . eating!

Today is July 4th and the day we celebrate America's independence from Britain. We are proud to be an American and to be enjoying the many benefits so many seem to take for granted . . . or worse . . . as their God given rights. The country and the thinking of its citizens has changed over the years, even in our lifetime. Changes will continue and our concern is that many may not be for the betterment of society as we knew it 60/70 years ago or even as it is today. We urge our citizens to select leaders who will defend our heritage, our way of life and our great country and then openly support them in their efforts in that direction. John F. Kennedy noted that 'change is the law of life'. We need to be sure the changes are positive.

We attended an annual high school class reunion last Friday. It is an initial shock every year to look at the growing list of classmates who have died, but a pause to think a bit will remind us that the list does get longer each year. From these thoughts we get the urge to remind our readers to not postpone visiting with old friends and relatives . . . tomorrow may be too late. Just last year we were told of something a fellow classmate had done for us, way back in high school. She was always known for her kind heart and willingness to help, but this was personal, and we are a bit embarrassed for maybe being to self-centered to notice what she did. Alas, it was too late to thank her, because this former school teacher's name is on the list of deceased folks.

Enjoy the 4th . . . carefully!

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Jackson Blair celebrates his 1st birthday

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Somewhere along the way, having a 'smash cake' on your first birthday became a common thing, and over the years I have watched several youngsters as they tried to figure out exactly what to do with that little cake.

There are the ones who get icing on their little fingers and hands and immediately want mama to wipe it off. It's yucky!

Well, that was not the

case with my little man Jackson Blair on his recent first birthday.

Jack-Jack loves to eat, and he had no problems figuring out what to do with his 'smash' cake! Not only did my little dude smash away, he made sure to get plenty in his belly as well! Oh yeah, and as the above photo shows, all over himself too!

Jackson is the son of Brian and Megan Blair of Tuscaloosa, Ala. [both natives of Elba].

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As most already know, the opiate epidemic has been worsening, each year claiming more lives than the last. What is less known by the general public is the problem with Methamphetamines has been growing over the last several years as well.

In the most recent data from the 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, it was found an estimated 964,000 people age 12 or older had a methamphetamine use disorder. This large number of Methamphetamine use can lead to some very serious problems in communities; higher crime rates, destroyed families, and the many risks to public health.

Methamphetamines are made by combining chemicals that can be explosive in bad cases as well as causing long term property damage from toxic chemicals.

Houses where a meth lab was in operation can retain chemicals which are hazardous to those who live in the house afterwards. In fact, even use of the drug within an apartment, home, or trailer can cause negative health effects long after the user or producer has moved one.

More and more communities each year deal with this problem and it is

an expensive thing to repair, with decontamination costing thousands of dollars to inhabitants and landlords both. These problems are far from victimless with acute health effects that include lack of coordination, chest pains, and burns to skin, eyes, nose, and mouth. Possible chronic long-lasting problems may include respiratory irritability, neurological damage, and liver and kidney damage.

In these times it is important that families are aware of both the signs of methamphetamine use and abuse. In addition, community members need to be on the lookout for signs their house was used prior for methamphetamine production or use. To learn more about Methamphetamine effected houses visit <https://www.safewise.com/blog/tell-buying-meth-house/>

For more information on signs of methamphetamine abuse, visit our website at <https://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/drug-abuse-information/signs-of-methamphetamine-abuse.html>

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Friday, June 21, and Sunday, June 30, made the following arrests: one for domestic violence, three for possession of marijuana, two for possession of drug paraphernalia, two for possession of a controlled substance, six on warrants, and one for theft of property.

There were 19 traffic citations and 38 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of June 21 - June 30.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 - Officers responded to the area of Hwy 84 W in reference to a possible intoxicated pedestrian - officers made contact with subject at the Elba Travel Center and requested Haynes Ambulance to evaluate the subject (6:04 a.m.); Officers responded to a residence on City Rd 401 in reference to an unwanted guest - subject

had left the scene prior to officer arrival (4:20 p.m.); Officers were at a residence on Reese Ave attempting to serve an active warrant - arrested one subject on a domestic violence warrant and a bond revocation warrant (5:00 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 - Report of a suspicious vehicle in area of Hwy 87 N with occupant of vehicle firing shots out the window (1:45 a.m.); Officers responded to report of a domestic dispute on Morrow Ave (10:12 a.m.); Officers responded to report of subjects taking property out of a residence on Ann St (1:12 p.m.); Report of drug paraphernalia in a residence on Claxton Ave - officers took possession of the objects (7:40 p.m.); Officers responded to the report of a domestic disturbance in the area of Jones Circle (9:19 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JUNE 23 -

Officers responded to a report of four subjects stranded on Whitewater Creek between Jack, Ala and Elba - Elba Fire Dept was dispatched to respond to area to assist with rescue efforts - subjects were located, unharmed, in a wooded area off Hwy 87 N near County Rd 349 (7:44 p.m.).

MONDAY, JUNE 24 - Officers responded to a report of suspicious subjects at a residence on Wayne St (1:59 p.m.); Officers directed traffic on Hwy 189 N due to a low power line over the roadway (4:39 p.m.); Officers responded to a call referencing a possible drunk driver on County Rd 263 - officers made contact with vehicle and traffic stop was performed - subject was arrested on warrants (10:38 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JUNE 25 - Officers responded to the scene of an accident on Hwy 84 (5:44 a.m.); Officers responded to the scene of an accident on Hwy 203 (11:46 a.m.); Officers responded to report of a burglary on Boutwell Ave (4:42 p.m.); Officers responded to the scene of an accident on Hwy 203 and Claxton Ave (4:53 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 - Officers responded to the City Barn on Hwy 203 in reference to a request for

an accident report (7:11 a.m.); Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint at a residence on Jones Circle (8:01 a.m.).

THURSDAY, JUNE 27 - Officers advised a subject in a possible identity theft matter in area of Powell Circle (3:18 a.m.); Officers and firefighters responded to scene of a trailer fire in area of Hwy 189 - scene was turned over to county law enforcement (3:49 a.m.); Air conditioner reported stolen in area of Larkin Rd (8:33 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JUNE 28 - Officers responded to a call referencing a domestic dispute - parties agreed to separate (12:03 a.m.); Three vehicle wreck reported at the intersection of Hwy 203 and Claxton Ave (5:06 p.m.); Officers performed a traffic stop on Claxton Ave - one subject arrested on warrants (10:53 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 - Officers made contact with a suspicious person on E Davis St - resulted in an arrest for warrants (12:14 a.m.); Officers responded to the scene of a motor vehicle accident on Hwy 141 (2:35 p.m.); Officers made contact with a suspicious person on West St - subject arrested on warrants (9:28 p.m.); Officers made contact with residents on Morrow Ave in reference to loud music at a house party - a follow up visit resulted in the party being shutdown (9:51 p.m.); Officers made contact with a suspicious vehicle on Smith Ave - driver of vehicle was arrested on warrants (11:55 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JUNE 30 - Officer performed a traffic stop on E Davis St which resulted in a subject being arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance (9:14 p.m.).

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Seatrout, flounder limits change August 1st

by **DAVID RAINER**
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Alabama's saltwater anglers will soon be required to abide by changes to the bag and/or length limits on several popular fish species.

On August 1, the length and bag limits will change for speckled trout (spotted seatrout) and southern flounder, while the length limit will increase for cobia, also known as ling or lemonfish.

Jason Downey, Alabama Marine Resources' Enforcement Chief, said the speckled trout regulations will move to a slot limit, which means anglers will be allowed to keep trout that measure between 15 and 22 inches total length with an allowance for one fish over 22 inches total length. The bag limit will be reduced to six speckled trout per person per day.

Alabama's inshore anglers should be familiar with the slot limit. Red drum (redfish) have been regulated for several years by a slot limit of 16 to 26 inches total length. An allowance for one fish larger than 26 inches (bull red) is included.

The southern flounder size limit will be increased to 14 inches total length, and the bag limit will be reduced to five per person for recreational anglers.

The limits for commercial anglers will be 14 inches total length with a daily limit of 40 per person or 40 per vessel.

The entire month of November will be closed to flounder fishing, both recreational and commercial. November is when flounder migrate to the Gulf of Mexico to spawn.

Marine Resources (MRD) conducted five public meetings along the Alabama Gulf Coast to discuss proposed trout and flounder changes, provide information from the stock assessments for those two fish and gain feedback from the public on the potential changes. MRD also accepted email comments from the public as well as by phone.

"In general, the public was supportive of making changes to both trout and flounder because people had noticed changes in their ability to catch these species," said Marine Resources Director Scott Bannon. "They also realized the amount of people who are targeting these fish and how dramatically that has increased over the past few years."

Eastern Shore resident Rob Constantine recently shared how he often watches boat after boat heading to the inshore artificial reefs to target trout, redfish and flounder.

"I used to be able to count on catching five or six speckled trout every time I went out," he said. "I can't do that anymore. Some days I don't catch any trout. I'd like to be able to take my grandchildren out and catch a few trout. The future is our grandchildren, and we have to have something for them to catch or they lose interest."

During the recent fishing event for The Fallen Out-

doors, Capt. Bobby Abruscato said he welcomes the changes to the trout limit.

"The people who fish with me understand that I prefer to release as many fish as possible," Abruscato said. "Most of my customers just want enough fish for supper, and others don't want any fish at all. They just love catching them."

Abruscato is one of the veteran guides who started fishing the Alabama Gulf Coast when the inshore fishing pressure was limited to a dozen or so regular guides. Those numbers have increased dramatically.

Bannon said MRD sold 269 guide licenses for boats with six passengers or less in 2018. Most of those guides are fishing inshore.

"We saw a huge increase from the early 1990s through the early 2010s," Bannon said. "We went from 50,000 inshore fishing trips annually in the early '90s to more than 500,000 in 2011. That's 10 times the number of anglers targeting trout."

Bannon said the increase in the number of inshore trips has not abated since that survey was completed.

"I tell people that a good economy translates to an increase in fishing pressure," he said. "We've seen that in the last couple of years. We realize some of that comes with effort shift with the short seasons for some of the federally regulated offshore species that are highly sought after. People still want to fish, so they target these inshore species."

"In south Alabama, fishing is just a way of life. That's what people want to do with their recreational time. So, they're going to target species that are available to them, whether it's inshore or offshore fish."

Kevin Anson, Marine Resources' Chief Marine Biologist, noted during those earlier public meetings that stock assessments conducted independently through the University of South Alabama indicated that both speckled trout and flounder populations are in decline. The harvest in the past five to seven years shows the trout breeding stock are not at a sustainable level. Although not as critical as flounder, speckled trout could reach that stage if changes (in harvest) are not made.

Anson said an increase in the trout minimum length to 15 inches would allow more than 227,000 trout to be returned to the water annually. The slot limit will increase the survival of the large, female trout, which account for the bulk of egg production during spawning activity.

Other Gulf states have seen reduced flounder landings and have either made regulation changes or are considering them.

MRD estimated the harvest of about 350,000 flounder in 2002. That harvest has dwindled to about 150,000 in 2017.

Fisheries managers use spawning potential ratio (SPR) to determine the health of a fish stock. For flounder, the target SPR to maintain the population is between 25 and 30 percent.

At the current harvest

rate, a 12-inch minimum size for flounder would not be able to reach the target SPR and achieve a sustainable population. The larger a female flounder grows, the greater the number of eggs she releases during the spawn.

According to MRD data, an increase in the minimum size to 14 inches would allow 38 percent more flounder to remain in the water.

After hearing concerns from anglers, MRD approved an increase in the cobia size limit to 36 inches fork length, consistent with federal regulations. The bag limit remains at two per person for recreational anglers.

When anglers get ready to renew their fishing licenses at the end of August, a new endorsement will be required for those who target popular reef fish.

"The Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement will be available when people renew their licenses for next year," Downey said. "When they renew their licenses, they need to get the Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement if they plan to fish for snapper, triggerfish, tile fish, amberjack and a list of other reef fish."

The Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement will be \$10 per angler for private recreational anglers. Charter boat fees range from \$150-\$250, and commercial vessels are assessed at \$200 per vessel.

The reef fish covered in the endorsement are defined in state law 220-3-46. Visit www.alabamaadministrativecode.state.al.us/docs/cor/_220-3.pdf for a complete list of reef fish included.

In other changes, the minimum size limit for shortfin mako shark has been increased to 71 inches fork length for males and 83 inches fork length for females, which is also consistent with federal regulations.

Also, new hook regulations will go into effect for reef fish and sharks. When fishing for sharks and all Gulf reef fish, anglers must use non-stainless circle hooks. Additionally, hooks used for sharks must be non-offset, which means the tip of the hook must be in line with the shank.

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tered," said Debra Strickland, principal of Elba Elementary School.

Multiple new teachers have been sent to training programs where they will receive information and supplies for the upcoming school year.

Across the entire campus, the concurrent theme was that planning during the summer made the school year easier.

"Setting the stage in the summer is probably one of the most important things we do," Strickland said. "If

we do a really good job at setting the stage in the summer, then that's going to make for a smooth year for everybody."

"During the year, you're really just kind of working the plan," Tucker said. "So, you try to do as much as you can during the summer to prepare."

A community work-day, where students and parents are asked to help with some of the school's yardwork, will be held near the end of summer. More details will be available at a later time.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba-clipper.com

LAMAR BROOKS

Mr. Lamar Brooks, age 75, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.



Lamar retired as a Major with 20+ years in the Alabama

National Guard and retired from Shell Oil as a Production Manager after 34 years. As deacon for First Baptist Church of Elba, he served his community and church faithfully. Funeral services were held June 27, 2019 at First Baptist Church of Elba with Rev. Michael Woodham and Rev. Tom Anderson officiating. Burial followed at the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Contributions to honor Lamar may be made to the Kidney Cancer Association, 9450 SW Gemini Drive 38269 Beaverton, OR 97008-7105.

Survivors include his wife: Karen Brooks, Elba;

daughter: Julie Ann Maulden (Mark) Clark, Auburn, Ala.; son: Joseph Lamar (Heather) Brooks, Alabaster, Ala.; sister: Janice (Donnie) Daugherty, Enterprise, Ala.; grandsons: Clayton Moates Clark, Birmingham, Ala., Joshua Denson Clark, Alpharetta, Ga., Griffin Thomas Clark,

Auburn, and Joseph Cole Brooks, Alabaster; and granddaughter: Anna Claire Brooks, Alabaster.

BETTY SUE DANFORD

Mrs. Betty Sue Danford, age 88, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, June 29, 2019 at her home.

Funeral services will be held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, July 5, 2019, beginning at 11 a.m. with Rev. Steve Watson officiating. Burial will follow in the Damascus Baptist Church

Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Friday, July 5, from 10-11 a.m.

Betty was born on March 8, 1931 to the late William Bell Spinks and Lela Pearl Spinks. She worked alongside her husband on their farm in the Damascus community. She was also very proud of the fact that she worked for 41 years for contractors at Fort Rucker.

Beside her parents, Betty was preceded in death by her husband, George Lynwood "Buddy" Danford; her sisters, Nina Spinks Moore (Jones), and Janelle Spinks Windham (Bonner), along with her brother, William Bell "Bill" Spinks Jr.

Survivors include her daughters: Deborah Danford Wilkins, Elba, and Susan Danford (Jimmy) Deese, Maylene, Ala.; grandchildren: Shawn Linton (Ashli) Wilkins, Miranda Wilkins, and Travis Danford (Bridgette) Deese; four great-grandchildren: Cameron Slade Wilkins, Deborah Jade Sims, Evangeline Grace Wilkins, and Rachel Ann Deese; and sister: Mary (George) Grider, Elba.

Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Authority releases June rainfall totals for local area

The Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority has just released the June recorded rainfall numbers from the 22 measuring stations operated by the Authority.

The report indicates that earlier predictions for a dry growing season are becoming a reality as each month passes.

As suspected the midsection of Coffee County continues to be on the short end of the rainfall.

In fact, all of the measuring stations have reported a shortage of rain this year, except the two stations in Barber County. It is these two that have kept the water level in Pea River from dropping even lower than it actually is today.

Big Creek, just North of Elba got about one inch of rain in June compared to

over six inches last year. This gives the reporting station a total of 13.36 inches this year compared to 28.20 last year.

Six month of Pea River readings right here in Elba were 17.32 this year compared to 22.36 last year. A whopping 2.24 inches fell in Elba last month.

Folsom Bridge, on Highway 167, got a fraction over a half inch in June battling 6.00 inches in June 2018. Last year it recorded 23 inches, compared to 13.08 during the same six month period this year.

Lowery Mill, also North of Elba got 2.84 inches during the month. The annual

totals for this gauge was 15.68 this year compared to 28.92 last year.

The Arton gauge was out of operation part of the month but was holding true with others North of Elba.

The totals for all 22 stations was 17.91 for this year compared to 25.11 for the same period last year.

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the Editor

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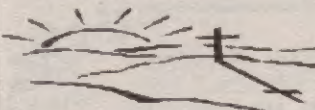


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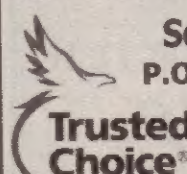
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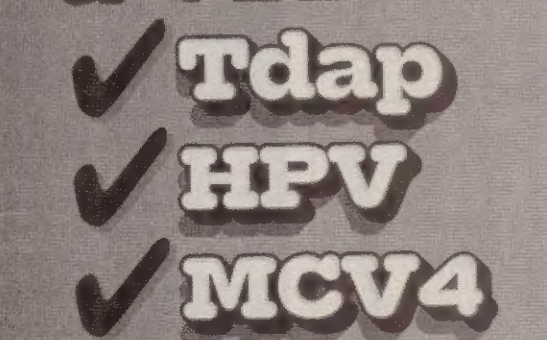
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Volunteer training set for Coffee County Master Gardener program

A Coffee County Master Gardener Volunteer Training Course will be held each Wednesday, Aug. 28 – Nov. 20, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

By taking the course participants will:

- Learn more about the care and maintenance of many types of plants
- Participate in a practical and intense training program
- Share knowledge with children and adults in the community

• Complete 50 hours of volunteer service with the Alabama Extension System and Wiregrass Master Gardeners.

Cost for the course is \$150 per person. Applications must be received by Aug. 19th, and the class is limited to 35 students.

To register or for more information, call the Coffee County Extension office at (334) 894-5596 or email: lee0003@aces.edu

Cowboys for Kids Rodeo set for July 4th weekend in nearby Covington County

The Covington County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) has announced its 2nd Annual Cowboys for Kids Rodeo.

"All of the proceeds from the rodeo will go towards helping the children we serve," CAC Executive Director, Kaci Perry, stated. "The Covington County Child Advocacy Center is a non-profit organization that provides a child-friendly, safe environment where children who have been abused or neglected can tell their story. They can then begin the healing process, and we offer them counseling, play therapy, medical services, and advocacy services, and we try to do all that in house, at the CAC."

This year's Cowboys for Kids event will include two back-to-back rodeos at the Hilltop Arena, on U.S. Highway 29, north of Andalusia. The first rodeo will be on Thursday, July 4th. The second will be a 2-day rodeo on July 5th & 6th. Both rodeos are sanctioned events by the Professional Cowboys Association.

"Having the PCA sanction this rodeo will bring in some of the best ropers and riders that the Southeast has to offer, stated Hilltop owner, Kevin Rodgers..

This will be a top notch rodeo when it comes to the quality of the cowboys and cowgirls who will be riding, and there will be a lot of local talent as well."

Both rodeos will include bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, break-away calf roping, team roping, barrel racing, and bull riding.

CAC founder and Board Chairman, Walt Merrell, is excited about what the rodeo means to the CAC, but also to the community. "We won't be surprised to see 1,000 plus people each night at the rodeo."

"The gates will open nightly at 6:30 and the rodeo will start each night at 7:30, but we won't do anything until we celebrate our freedom and independence by singing the National Anthem," Merrell added.

In addition to the rodeo, kids will find entertainment in the jam packed Kids-Zone, complete with a water slide, bounce house, inflatable obstacle course, nickel dig, face painting, and more! Vendors from all over the southeast will have booths set up. For those that come hungry, everything from steaks to hamburgers will be readily available.

LBWCC offering cybersecurity training

LBW Community College in Andalusia is offering a Cybersecurity Training session on July 18, from 6-7:30 p.m., in the Martha & Solon Dixon Center Conference Center.

This session is aimed at helping senior citizens understand the basics of staying safe online and how to avoid becoming a victim of cyber criminals. Topics will include how to keep your

devices such as phones and computers safe, how to identify common scams and fraud, and how to stay safe on social media.

Space is limited for this free course. Register in person in the Student Services office Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or Friday, 8 a.m. – Noon.

For more information call (334) 881-2231 or nworley@lbwcc.edu.



From trip to Gulf World in Florida to ice cream social at home

New Hope Senior Center seniors enjoy special events

The seniors at the New Hope Senior Citizens Center in Coffee County have been super busy having fun recently

From a trip to Florida to the refreshing taste of ice cream, the smiles on the faces of the seniors lets one know right away that the seniors are enjoying themselves at the center.

On a trip to Gulf World in Panama City Beach, Fla., center director Conzuella Banks said the group had a great time and really enjoyed the dolphins and bird show.



In the top photo, New Hope center seniors await the dolphin show at Gulf World, and directly above, they posed for a photo outside of Shoney's, located at Pier Park in Panama City Beach, their lunch spot of choice on the trip to Florida.

"After their fun in the sun at Gulf World, our seniors enjoyed food, fun and fellowship at Shoney's in Pier Park," Banks said. "Special thanks to those who volunteered to assist our wonderful seniors!"

Then, on Thursday, June 27, the seniors were back at

the center enjoying social time with their annual ice cream social. The ice cream social is sponsored each year by director Banks.

The seniors enjoyed a variety of ice cream flavors, and Banks said some experienced eating a waffle bowl for the first time.

"It was an enjoyable time for the seniors," she said. "One senior even expressed he needed his own bucket on his table because it was so good!"

Extension system offering athletic turf management meeting in Ozark

On Friday, July 26, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will be conducting an athletic turf management meeting featuring Dr. Dave Han, turf specialist from Auburn University.

The meeting will be held in Ozark at the Dale County Extension Office. Anyone who manages an athletic turf is invited to attend this meeting. Topics to be discussed are mowing, aeration, topdressing, irrigation, drainage, fertility, overseeding, pest management, and soil testing.

There also will be a discussion on maintaining pitcher mounds and skinned

areas of an athletic field.

The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Dale County Extension Office (202 South Hwy. 123 Ozark, AL 36360). To register for the meeting, call the Extension office at 334-774-2329, by July 24th.

For additional information contact Neil Kelly 334-200-1519.



The New Hope Senior Center ice cream social, hosted by director Conzuella Banks (right) is always a huge success at the center.



THE FRANCIS GENERAL BARTOW MADDOX FAMILY REUNION was held Saturday, June 29, in Elba. Family members from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Michigan, and Australia were among those in attendance. The annual event was held at the Elba Elementary School.

Lifestyles News is due on Mondays

THE FOUR WAY TEST

of the things we Think, Say or Do

- First - Is it the TRUTH?
- Second - Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Third - Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Fourth - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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NWS senior meteorologist to speak to local weather group

Kelly Godsey, Senior Service Hydrologist/Meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Tallahassee, Fla., will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority (CPYRWMA) in July.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, July 9, at 10 a.m., at the Enterprise Farmers Market, 525 North Main Street, Enterprise, Ala., and the public is invited to attend.

Godsey will discuss the responsibilities of the Na-

tional Weather Service in tracking and forecasting weather conditions in the southeastern states and explain the importance of the basin-wide Flood Warning System (FWS) gauges located in eight counties in southeast Alabama. The system consists of 22 gauges which monitor rainfall and river levels. The NWS relies heavily on the data generated by these gauges.

The CPYRWMA is a state agency and has been responsible for the operation and maintenance of the system since it was installed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in the mid 90's following the devastating Elba flood.

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CHURCH NEWS



ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CONDUCTED A SUCCESSFUL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LAST WEEK with a large group of youngsters learning about God's love through the "To Mars and Beyond" VBS program. During the VBS week, the children created a mobile library box on the grounds of the church as part of their 'missions' lesson. The library box (shown above with the children and teachers surrounding it) was decorated with the handprints of the children attending VBS last week. This community library box is designed to hold books for citizens to take one for reading enjoyment and/or to place another book in the box to share with others.

PASTOR'S CORNER

ELDER CAMINITI COACHMAN
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Freedom is the power or right to ask, speak, or think as one wants without hindrances or restraints. In the book of Galatians, chapter five and verse one, Paul encourages us that we should walk in the liberty (freedom) in which Christ has made us free. In this month of Independence, we celebrate the freedom that has been given to us by others of higher authority.

Although we celebrate and appreciate the act of being declared free, the truth of the matter is that because this was a man made decision and declaration, it's always subject to change at any given time if suggested and decided upon by the right people of power. But here in the scripture, Paul lets us know that there is a level of freedom that Jesus Christ has provided to us that is not like man. God is not one that should free us and then change his mind regarding that freedom. But what God does, He completes his. John 8:36 backs up my statement by saying telling us that whom the son sets free is free indeed.

Paul goes on to say that we have the power to be free and stay free because of the one who made us free. God has given each of us power when he died on the cross. We don't have to wait for anyone to sign off on it or approve it; all we have to do is accept it, be obedient to his word, and operate in it. So not only in this independence month but every day of your life. Celebrate your Freedom!

Harris Temple COGIC set to host community VBS later this month

Harris Temple COGIC will host its Community Vacation Bible School on July 18-20. VBS classes will take place on Thursday [18th] and Friday [19th] from 6-7:30 p.m. each night. On Saturday [20th], Harris Temple will host a Back to School Bash at Mulberry Heights Park beginning at 2 p.m. There will be classes available for all ages, including adults! Everyone is invited to attend.

Chestnut Grove UMC announces plans for annual Homecoming

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church plans to celebrate its annual Homecoming service Sunday, July 14, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The Homecoming speaker will be Rev. Randy Hartley. Special music will be provided by Willing Vessels, Ernie Ray Keal and the Smiths. Lunch will follow the Homecoming service. Everyone is invited.

Round and About
With Eria's Daughter
897-3611

Scripture: Let all things praise the Lord. [Psalm 150: 1-6]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Olen Barry, All Ministers, Betty Moore, Nicole Duncan, Katie Hamilton, Doris Waters, Clarice Fitch, Devin Luckett, Ernest P. Belcher, Beatrice Belcher

July Birthdays / Anniversaries

Jackie Whitfield 7/1
Michael Martin 7/1
Yoquesha Terry 7/1
Alonzo and Denna Cole 7/1 W.A.
Rev. Lovell Martin 7/1
Terrance Kelley 7/2
Grady and Brenda Brooks 7/2 W.A.
Arrian Henderson 7/3
Joseph Long 7/3 (in memory)
Larry and Louvella Folmar 7/3 W.A.
Eugene Nelson 7/5
Makayla D. Moore 7/6

** Pleasant Ridge Missionary Baptist Church in Goshen, Ala (Henderson Community) invites all to the annual Homecoming

and Revival services. Homecoming will be Sunday, July 14, at 11 a.m., and Revival services will be July 15-17 [Monday - Wednesday] at 7 p.m. nightly. The guest speaker will be Rev. Charlie Sankey Jr, pastor of Rock West Missionary Baptist Church, Goshen. Nick Whitfield is pastor of Pleasant Ridge Missionary Baptist Church.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 7/4/19

Q: In the book of John, what group did John say, "Be content with your wages?" (tax collectors), (soldiers), or (the crowd)
A: John said this to soldiers. [read Luke 3: 14]

Thought to Remember
Excuses don't work with God

Question for the Week of 7/11/19

Why did God send His Son in the world?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

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CLASS TIME AND ACTIVITIES

JULY 26, 2019 6:00 PM
FAMILY NIGHT



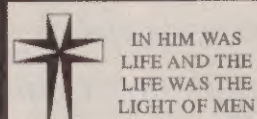
The Cavaliers quartet set to perform July 27th at Newbia Baptist Church

The Cavaliers Quartet will be in concert at Newbia Baptist Church, 3819 County Rd. 330, Elba, on Saturday, July 27, beginning at 5 p.m.

There is no admission charge to attend this concert, but a love offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

Current group members are brothers Anthony and Wayne O'Neal, Ben Mullins and his nephew Jason Reese. The Cavaliers are regulars on many of the National Quartet Convention Showcases and events.

Church Directory



ABUNDANT GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHELEH BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Renonia Smith
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship... 9:45 a.m.
Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W.K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J.R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Kevin Byrd, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Loreal Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE
W.K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services... 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Bib. Stud. Wed... 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Joe Farris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School... 12:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Missionary Ser... 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.

OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH
Eddie Ingram, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
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PRAYSE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A.R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Joe Farris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service... 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Missionary Ser... 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Shayne Allen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Interim Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Cary Maulden, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH
John Isaacs, Pastor
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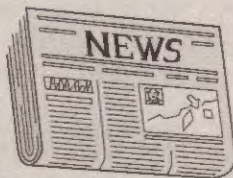
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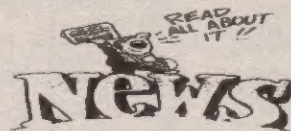
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE VACATION OF A PORTION COFFEE COUNTY ROAD 496

The Coffee County Commission has received a written petition from the abutting landowners Coffee County Road 496 beginning at the intersection of said County Road 496 and County Road 427 requesting the vacation of said road. Pursuit to Section 23-4-20, Code of Alabama 1975, the Coffee County Commission shall hold a public hearing on July 8, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the Coffee County Complex Community Room, New Brockton, Alabama concerning the proposed road vacation. The proposed public road to be vacated is described as follows: The entire length and width of the unpaved Coffee County Road 496 beginning at the intersection of said County Road 496 and County Road 427. Thence, continue easterly along said County Road 496 a distance of 580 to the point where county maintenance ends. Said road being located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 10 and the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 19 East, Coffee County, Alabama. Any citizen alleging to be affected by the proposed vacation may file written objection or request to be heard at the public hearing. Written objections may be mailed or hand delivered to The Coffee County Commission, #2 County Complex, New Brockton, AL 36351. Please contact the Coffee County Commission at (334) 894-5556 if you desire to be heard at the public hearing. 6/13,6/20,6/27&7/4-chg.

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Elba Division

In the Matter of:
Micah Caleb Walker Arrington
a minor child
DOB 02/14/2012

Case No: JU-2013-147.07

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Hon. Jodee R. Thompson on behalf of the Coffee County Department of Human Resources has filed a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights in the Juvenile Court of Coffee County, Elba Division, Alabama, in regards to the above named minor child. If you should have any reason why this Petition to Terminate Parental Rights should not be granted in this matter, you are required to contact the said Court immediately!

Done this the 20th day of May, 2019

/s/ Amy L Reeves
Amy Reeves
Circuit Clerk,
Coffee County Alabama
6/13,20,27&7/4-chg

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Elba Division

In the Matter of:
James Kaden Pridgen
A minor child
DOB 02/14/2012

Case No: JU-2017-108.03

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DONE THIS THE 20TH DAY OF MAY, 2019
/s/ Amy L Reeves
Amy Reeves
Circuit Clerk,
Coffee County, Alabama
6/13,20/27&7/4-chg

PUBLIC NOTICE

On June 5, 2019, an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC seeking consent to the transfer of control of Boll Weevil Communications, LLC from the Estate of William D. Holderfield deceased to Michael D. Holderfield, William Darrell Holderfield, and Susan Harrison. Boll Weevil Communications, LLC is the licensee of radio station WVVL, Elba, Alabama. A copy of the transfer of

control applications and related materials are on file for public inspection during normal business hours at 100 North Main Street, Enterprise, Alabama. 6/13,20,27&7/4-chg

SECTION 00020 INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba, Alabama will receive bids for the Modernization of Public Housing Site AL107-6, House 3, until 2:00 p.m., (Central Time) on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at the central office of the Elba Housing Authority, 1207 Claxton Avenue N, Elba, Alabama 36323, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The project consists of furnishing all plant, labor, materials, equipment and all services and performing and coordinating all operations for the Modernization of Public Housing Site AL107-6, House 3. The Work of the base bid generally includes, but is not necessarily limited to kitchen renovations, bathroom renovations, floor removal and floor tile and work incidental thereunto. Attention and reference is directed to the General Notes of the drawings. Contract documents, including drawings and technical specifications, are on file at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Elba, 1207 Claxton Avenue N, Elba, Alabama 36323 and The Architectural Office of William J. Peek, 908 S. Hull St., Suite 210, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. Copies of contract documents may be obtained by depositing \$200.00 with The Architectural Office of William J. Peek for each set of documents so obtained. Each such deposit will be refunded if the drawings and specifications are returned in good condition within ten days after bid opening. Plans and specifications will be issued only to qualified contractors licensed by the State Licensing Board of General Contractors of Alabama as required by Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended. Only bids of such contractors who are duly licensed will be considered. Current license number must be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid WILL NOT be accepted. Bidders are requested to inspect the property and the buildings themselves, as well as operations and conditions that may be affected. A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the Housing Authority of the City of Elba or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and an acceptable surety company in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid. Acceptable Surety Companies are listed in the current issue of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Circular 570. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project, and that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Contractors are reminded that in accordance with State Law, Alabama General Contractor's licensing number shall be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid will not be accepted. Each bid must include the Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders, 1992 Edition, Non-Collusive Affidavit and the Previous Participation Certificate signed by

the bidder and on the correct HUD forms. The Housing Authority of the City of Elba reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by the Housing Authority of the City of Elba for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing them and investigating the qualifications of the bidders, prior to awarding the contract.

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba
By: Laurie Chapman
Title: Executive Director
Date: June 17, 2019
6/20,27 & 7-4/chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Eddie Carroll Vaughan DECEASED

Case No. PC 2019-033
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to MELINDA BANE VAUGHAN as Personal Representative of the estate of Eddie Carroll Vaughan, on the 14th day of June, 2019, by the Honorable Steven E. Blair, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Steven E. Blair
Steven E. Blair,
Judge of Probate
6/20, 27 & 7/4-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Tom Mack Brown DECEASED

Case No. PC2019-022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to TIMOTHY M. BROWN as Personal Representative of the estate of Tom Mack Brown, on the 14th day of June, 2019, by the Honorable Steven E. Blair, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done this the 14th day of June, 2019.

/s/ Steven E. Blair
Steven E. Blair, Judge of Probate
6/20,27&7/4-pd.

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Don't Forget to...



COMMUNITY NEWS



A group of 16 Elba women meet each Wednesday at the former Just Folk Coffeehouse building on the square in Elba to play bridge, a competitive card game. While there are plenty of jokes and smiles to go around, these women also are serious when it comes to trying to win each week. The competitiveness makes it all the more fun!

Bridge connects group of Elba women while also igniting their competitiveness each week

by Jack West, Intern

There is a group of women in Elba, kind, smiling and joking with one another, who are not to be messed with. Beneath their sweaters and sparkling eyes, these women have a level of competitiveness that is usually only seen at UFC fights or gumbo-making competitions in Louisiana.

The reason for this competition: bridge. In Elba, a group of 16 women ranging from 65 to 85-years-old meets at the former Just Folk Coffee House on Wednesdays to play bridge.

Bridge is a card game where four players are divided into two teams. Those on a team sit across from each other and try to out-score the other team.

That's where the simplicity ends.

To an outsider, it looks charming, calm, even tranquil. But it's more than that.

"There is a real spirit of competitiveness that comes up," said Joan Ward, one of the weekly players.

Bids, tricks, passes, trump suits, auctions, contracts and many other actions are all intricately woven into this game of strategy.

Originally, the group was



A good hand in bridge can stop a player in her tracks and keep her from attending other important matters...or so it has been said.

much smaller and played at night in someone's home.

"There was a club before there was the coffee shop," said Pat Johnson, former manager of Just Folk Coffee House.

Johnson said when the women began playing at the coffee shop, she wanted to play but always had to be running the shop.

"After the restaurant closed, I got to play with

them," she said.

Some of the women are new to bridge, but most have either played it consistently since college or have recently picked it up after a work-induced hiatus.

One player who wishes to remain anonymous said that bridge was a defining part of her time at college.

"At Troy, I got a major in bridge and a minor in English education," she said.

Summer camps/programs collided last Thursday at Tiger Town Park in Elba for a fun exhibition event

by Jack West, Intern

Last Thursday, June 27, Camp E.X.C.E.L., the Elba Public Library, 4-H and the elementary school's STEM summer program joined together for an afternoon of archery, smoothies, reading and lemonade.

Thursday's Summer Camp Exhibition was, in many ways, a confluence of all of Elba's summer-time activities for kids.

The STEM program, which aims to get young kids interested in science, technology, engineering and math, was recently awarded a grant to add an entrepreneurship aspect to the program.

"We decided to go with a

lemonade stand this summer," said Kenya Martin, site coordinator for the STEM summer program. "The kids came up with their idea to name their stand, and they built the stand out of PVC pipe. After that they came up with a design of their logo, decided on their colors and did some taste tests on their products."

After an initial trial-run the day before, the kids set up on Thursday and gave lemonade to the parched at the splash pad.

There was initially competition between the boys' stand and the girls' stands, but both groups ran out of lemonade and seemed to decide that archery was more fun.

Gavin Mauldin, the Coffee County extension coordinator, has been teaching the kids archery this summer as part of the 4-H program and was set up at the exhibition. The program has been exposing kids to archery, a sport that few would have discovered on their own.

Camp E.X.C.E.L. was also at the exhibition. Since it has spent much of the summer teaching kids about healthy food options, Camp E.X.C.E.L. made smoothies for the kids and taught them about the benefits of eating berries.

The students were also learning about peppers that week but decided that they did not make as good of a smoothie.

Lastly, the public library was set up at the park with a table full of free books and bookmarks for the kids.

Between archery, free books, smoothies and lemonade, the heat of a June afternoon was broken at Tiger Town Park in downtown Elba.



Elba Elementary School's summer STEM program and the Elba Parks and Recreation Camp E.X.C.E.L. students enjoyed a bit of archery last week during their programs joint exhibition event held at Tiger Town Park. Gavin Mauldin, Coffee County Extension Coordinator, led the archery lessons that day.

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ORDINANCE No. 06292019A

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A PRIVILEGE OR LICENSE TAX AGAINST PERSON, FIRMS, AND CORPORATIONS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF FURNISHING ROOMS, LODGINGS, OR ACCOMMODATION TO TRANSIENTS IN THE CITY OF ELBA AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Elba, in the State of Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. The following words, terms and phrases when used in this ordinance, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

The term "person" includes any individual, firm, co-partnership, association, corporation, receiver, trustee, or any other group or combination acting as a unit and the plural as well as the singular number.

The term "City" shall mean the City of Elba, Alabama.

The term "tax year" or "taxable year" means the calendar year.

The term "taxpayer" means any person liable for taxes under the provisions of this ordinance.

The term "transient" shall mean a person renting a room for a period of less than 30 continuous days in a hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, tourist cabin, and/or in any other public place or establishment in which rooms, lodgings or accommodations are furnished for

a consideration. Section 2. LEVY OF THE TAX IN THE CITY.

For the privilege of engaging or continuing with in the City in the business activities hereinafter referred to, there is hereby levied, in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law, and shall be collected as herein provided, a privilege or license tax against the person on account of the business activities and in the amounts to be determined by the application of rates against gross receipts as follows:

(a) There is hereby levied and imposed in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law, a privilege or license tax upon every person, firm, or proportion engaging in the business of renting or furnishing any room or rooms, lodgings or accommodations to transients in any public hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, tourist cabin and/or any other place in which rooms, lodging, and/or accommodations are regularly furnished to transients for a consideration, in an amount to be determined by the application of the rate of 4 percent (4%) of the charge for such room, rooms, lodging, and/or accommodations, and services furnished in such room. The tax shall not apply to rooms, lodgings or accommodations supplied for a period of 30 continuous days or more in any place.

Section 3. PROVISIONS OF STATE LOGGING TAX STATUTES APPLICABLE TO THIS ORDINANCE AND TAXES HEREIN LEVIED.

This ordinance and the taxes herein levied shall be subject to all definitions, exceptions, exemptions, proceedings requirements, rules, regulations, pro-

visions, penalties, fines and punishments, and deductions, that are applicable to the taxes levied by the State lodging tax statutes, except where inapplicable or where herein otherwise provided, including all provisions of the state lodging tax statutes for enforcement and collection of taxes.

Section 4. ADDING AMOUNT OF TAX TO PRICE.

Any person on whom the taxes levied by this ordinance are imposed may add the tax herein to the receipt from rental of rooms, lodgings or accommodations and may collect the same from the occupants of such rooms, but this section is not mandatory.

Section 5. THIS ORDINANCE CUMULATIVE TO GENERAL LICENSE CODE.

This ordinance shall not be construed to repeal any of the provisions of the general license code or ordinance of the City, but shall be held to be cumulative, and the amounts of the taxes herein levied shall be in addition to the amounts of all other license taxes imposed by the City, by its general license code or ordinance.

Section 6. SERERABILITY.

Each and every provision of this ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and the holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid shall not affect any other provision hereof, and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been held invalid.

Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall become effective on the 1st day of September, 2019, and the first payment of taxes hereunder shall be due and payable on the 20th day of October 2019. This ordinance shall remain in full force and effect in perpetuity, and shall apply to each month of the year 2019 beginning with the month of September, 2019, and to each month and each calendar year thereafter from year to year.

DONE, ORDERED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this 24th day of June 2019.

A P P R O V E D BY:

Mickey Murdock, Mayor
ATTESTED BY:

Sally Bane, Clerk
CERTIFICATION:

I, Sally Bane, as Clerk of Elba, Alabama, hereby certify that the above and foregoing copy of 1 (one) Ordinance Number 06242019A is a true and correct copy of such Ordinance that was duly adopted by the Council of Elba, Alabama, on the 24th day of June, 2019, as same appears in the official records of said City.

Posted at Elba City Hall, the Elba Police Station, and the Elba Public Library on this, the 24th day of June, 2019.

Sally Bane, Clerk
7/4-chg.



This group of Elba Elementary STEM program students were super excited to offer lemonade from their ALOHA stand last week at Tiger Town Park. The boys and girls all gave out of lemonade.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The weather may be as hot as the parades and fireworks for July 4, but we have plans to take our grandson Lawson to both and even got him a red, white and blue shirt to wear to help celebrate our 'Great' country. I know some politicians don't agree, at least publicly, but when you can take your grandson to a parade, eat watermelons and sit in a lawn chair and watch fireworks it sounds 'Great' to me!!

For what it is worth....

*** The county softball all-star teams have wrapped up their seasons and represented Elba and New Brockton well, despite not advancing to the state tournament. The Darlings lost two straight, but battled throughout the game in a narrow 9-8 loss to Crenshaw County, while the Angels posted a big 15-5 win over Opp before being eliminated, and the Ponytails suffered through absolutely no luck in the draw as they lost to eventual tourney champ Troy and tourney runner-up Opp. All the players and coaches worked really hard in practice to get ready for the tournaments and are to be commended for their outstanding play against teams from much larger towns.

*** The Coffee County AAA Baseball All-Stars will head to Tuscaloosa next week for the division two State Tournament and have high hopes of shocking the state and bringing home a state title. The players and coaches really came together during the weeks of practice and will get to experience something next week that few youngsters get the chance to in their years in sports. While there is no doubt the All-Stars will have to pull off some major upsets, there is also no doubt they will play with pride and determination and help put Coffee County on the map.

*** The Atlanta Braves just keep on winning and unless they fall apart late this week will carry a big lead into the all-star break. The Braves have solid pitching that is only getting better and better, lots of bats that help pile up runs and hit loads of home runs, and a solid defense that doesn't help opponents score runs. I hope the Braves have a big league catcher in the minors that can come in and make the position solid, but all in all they are on a roll and at the half-way point of the season appear to have a chance of making it to the series. Who knows?

**** In closing.... the Elba Tigers hosted a seven on seven team competition last week and many of the top teams in the area came to the campus of Elba High to compete and get in some extra hours of summer work. Games were played on Mack Wood Field, the Tiger practice field and on the band practice field, and I am sure everyone in attendance enjoyed the day of competition.

DISTRICT 6 SOFTBALL
TOURNAMENTS

RESULTS:

Dixie Darlings (Ages 8 and Under)

Crenshaw County 9

Coffee County 8

Kinston 23

Coffee County 6

Opp 15

Kinston 10

Kinston 23

Coffee County 6

Geneva 7

Kinston 3

District Champion: Enterprise

District Runner-Up: Troy

Dixie Angels (Ages 10 and Under)

Geneva 3

Coffee County 0

Coffee County 15

Opp 5

Troy 12

Coffee County 2

District Champion: Crenshaw County

District Runner-Up: Geneva

Dixie Ponytails (Ages 12 and Under)

Troy 16

Coffee County 4

Opp 11

Coffee County 0

Zion Chapel 15

Andalusia 5

Greenville 10

Zion Chapel 8

Troy 10

Zion Chapel 8

District Champion: Troy

District Runner-Up: Opp

Elba among 99 schools honored
by AHSAA for good sportsmanship

A total of 99 Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) member schools, including Elba High School, were announced last week as AHSAA Sportsmanship Schools for the 2018-19 school year.

The schools, recognized for being ejection free and receiving no more than one non-sportsmanship school fine for the just completed school year, will be honored at the AHSAA Sportsmanship Luncheon during the 2019 AHSAA Summer Conference and All-Star Sports Week.

"We are extremely pleased to recognize 99 high

schools for this noted accomplishment," said AHSAA Executive Director Steve Savarese. "Our total fines were down 4.1% in 2018-19 over the previous year, and we thank all our schools for their commitment to teaching good sportsmanship and upholding the regulations and by-laws created by our member schools. Our goal is always for each school to be fine and ejection free. It is imperative that each of us, our schools, coaches and administrators continue to emphasize daily the importance of good sportsmanship to our students, parents and communities."



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